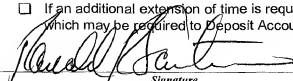



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)		Docket No. 2727-99J	
In Re Application Of: Kornelia Berghof, Alexander Gasch, Charles Mason-Brown, Freimut Wilborn and Arndt Rolfs			
Serial No. 09/463,209	Filing Date JUL 13 2001 MAY 12, 2000	Examiner C. Wilder	Group Art Unit 1656
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<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>June 6, 2001</u> above-identified application. Date			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months			
from: <u>July 6, 2001</u> until: <u>August 6, 2001</u> Date Date			
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:			
<input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.			
The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1145 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
<input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1145 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
 Signature		Dated: <u>JULY 11, 2001</u>	
RONALD R. SANTUCCI - Reg. #28,988 PITNEY, HARDIN, KIPP & SZUCH LLP 711 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017 (212) 687-6000			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>JULY 11, 2001</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><p> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</p><p>Irene Bieniewicz Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p></div>			

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